

## SCAN DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A scan description language (SDL) system and method are  
5 provided for managing a scan job. The method comprises: scanning a  
document at a scanning device; constructing a scan job using SDL  
commands; partially performing the scan job at the scanning device in  
response to the SDL commands; and, partially performing the scan job at  
a node connected to the scanning device in response to the SDL  
10 commands. The scan job can be constructed at a scanning device front  
panel, a connected web page, or a client connected to the scanning device.  
Likewise, the scan job can be initiated from a front panel of the scanning  
device, a connected client, or a connected web page. Further, the scan job  
may be partially performed a locally connected client, a network-  
15 connected client, a network-connected server, a locally connected server,  
another scanning device, or a telephone network-connected client.